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Bryan and Roosevelt.

For ten years Mr. Bryan has been constantly before the people of the United States as a Presidential probability. He has been, by common consent, and in no objectionable sense, a professional Presidential candidate. Everything he said or did or wrote has been subjected to test in the crucible where Presidential fitness is tried.

Mr. Bryan has not forced himself upon the people as a Presidential factor. It is simply that the people have accorded him recognition as intellectual leader and spokesman of a great body of sentiment of his fellow-citizens. Under the white light of constant observation, and in the white heat of most searching analysis, he has proved himself. He has reached a plane on which few Americans have stood, and fewer yet have been able to maintain themselves. He is recognized as honest in purpose, as ambitious for the common good rather than for his own advancement. People no longer demand that his views on details shall agree with their own. They concede to him a great freedom and range of view; they permit him to be something of the doctrinaire; they do not expect him to trim to the issue and the hour; they have long since placed him above the mere politician.

There is another American to whom this same proud position is accorded; who is accepted for what he is even more than for what he thinks; who is permitted the luxury of saying what he thinks without frightening people who don't think the same. That man, needless to say, is Theodore Roosevelt.

These two men are the dominating Americans of today. Neither is merely the leader of a political party; both are much more.

Academic discussion is not often permitted to men responsible for formulation of policies of national concern; yet Mr. Roosevelt can start the discussion of a progressive inheritance tax, and Mr. Bryan is able to open up consideration of public ownership of railroads, and nobody thinks the worse of either. These two men know their strength with the people, they feel that their purposes entitle them to the confidence they enjoy, and they both know, as the mere politician never learns, that the public mind is alert and ready for consideration of new things.

The man with an idea doesn't frighten anybody nowadays. People are anxious to hear it, to discuss it. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan have a way of supplying the people with interesting things to think and talk about; and the people permit them to do it without ever suspecting that their fertility may become dangerous.

Mr. Bryan didn't need to announce that he is no conservative, as conservatism is defined by the trust promoters. Neither did he need to announce that he is a conservative in the sense of conserving institutions and opportunity. The two men are of the same type of mind. Neither can have the cheerful support of a majority of the people. It is really a question of programs, and the two years yet to elapse before Presidential nominations must have a great influence in determining these. Some issues will be eliminated; others will be developed. It will be a difficult choice for many people to make between these two men; but, at least, in choosing there will be little of the feeling that it is a choice between evils.

A Painful Situation.

The danger of getting wires crossed in the game of politics has received a new illustration in the last few days out in Iowa. Governor Cummins appears to have his enemies in a predicament that would be tragic if it were not ridiculous.

For six months they have been slipping up the Hawkeye landscape in the effort to defeat Governor Cummins for another nomination. He has been telling folks that if they didn't nominate him they might as well turn the State square back to the railroads to rule as they ruled it for many years before his advent. Every railroad in the State has been fighting him. The

burden of the argument has been that Cummins is no true reformer; that during his administration the assessed valuation of farm and city property has been advanced much more than that of railroads. The anti-Cummins press has assured the people that Cummins was administering a fine dose of double cross to the plain people.

So the other day the State executive council met in annual session to assess the railroads. Governor Cummins presided, and his adherents control the body. The same railroad lawyers who, in their anxiety to defeat him, have been manufacturing statistics for the consumption of the marines, showing that Cummins is the secret friend of the railroads, were there; but in another capacity. They wanted the assessment kept down, not raised.

The governor promptly confronted these gentlemen with some tons of campaign literature paid for by their contributions and inspired by their campaign committee, telling the people that he had been failing utterly to assess the railroads adequately. He noted that this literature discussed the question with much intelligence and grasp. In fact, he was disposed to admit that a good case had been made against him. He guessed it was true that he hadn't assessed the railroads high enough, and he proposed now to produce works meet for repentance. He indicated a leaning toward a horizontal increase so stiff that it made every railroad man's hair rise in a pompadour.

Then the railroad men proceeded to explain that it was all just political buncombe. They assumed the governor was too big and just a man to permit any of the little demagogues of politics to carry him off his feet and into a policy of injustice to the great transportation interests! Whereat a State-wide laugh of derision arose that is still echoing.

The council is still in session and the governor seems strangely obdurate. Indications are that when it is all over the railroads, which have already lost some hundreds of thousands in efforts to defeat him, will be further mulcted of a big increase in their taxes. It really is getting so that a poor railroad doesn't have any chance at all in this country.

The Power of Gowns.

Everybody knows that a man in "sassity" must rehabilitate himself for dinner by putting on evening dress or be ranked with the pariahs, but few, perhaps, had stopped to think that young girls in college were bound by the same rules of etiquette. Yet so it is, according to Miss M. Carey Thomas, dean of Bryn Mawr, and she told her fair folk about it the other day in unmistakable language. Thus quoth she:

A habit which, like bathing, has nothing to do with expense, and yet which constitutes a great social difference, is the habit of washing your face and dressing your hair and changing your gown for dinner. This you are expected to do in the best society out in the world, why not here? A large bond of experience proves to us that people are not agreeable to each other or to themselves in the evening unless they have gone through this necessary form. Everybody can make some kind of a change and especially those of you fortunate enough to own two gowns owe it to yourselves to form the habit now, while you are in college, of putting on a different gown for dinner.

You do not wish to separate yourselves from well-bred people by your personal carelessness in little things. It is as easy to put on the dress as another, and in looking our best we feel our best, and make ourselves and all those about us happier than if we sat down to dinner and afterward spend the evening in the same gown we have worn during school hours or taken our evening stroll in.

We have all learned from the street car advertisements that "you cannot be healthy or pretty or even good unless you are clean," but it is new doctrine that you cannot be agreeable to the other feeders unless you have recently changed your gown. It is especially new to find the principle thus active in a college curriculum. Even with the fear of being considered ungallant strongly before us, we must admit that we regard Dean Thomas' pronouncement as ineffable twaddle. Unless Bryn Mawr is engaged in rearing a race of women snobs, we fail to see the slightest excuse for it.

Judge Parker still insists that he has been vindicated. Yes; and besides that he has had a lot of other things done him, if recollection serves aright.

Doubtless the bureaucracy, with its accustomed tact and judgment, will now arrange for the mysterious disappearance of the members of that court-martial that acquitted Rojostevsky.

And to make matters worse for the icemen, they were no sooner indicted than the temperature dropped off several points. Misfortunes never come singly.

Secretary Shaw's plea for a wider circulation of the \$5 bills ought to make an attractive platform on which to present his Presidential candidacy.

The Tennessee Republicans have placed a man named Swab on their ticket, which indicates earnest purpose to wipe up the opposition.

How'd you like to be the ice man?

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

TOKYO CAPTURED BY MISS WRIGHT

American Girl Wins Favor in Japan's Social World.

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American Ambassador Has Charming Home on the Outskirts of Mikado's Chief City.

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INTERSTATE AFTER GRAIN ELEVATORS' DEALS WITH ROADS

The Interstate Commerce Commission today instituted its investigation of the relations of the railroads to the grain elevator business, in accordance with the Senate resolution adopted June 25, last.

Circular letters were mailed this morning to all the railroads in the United States calling for information that will assist the commission in prosecuting its inquiry.

The investigation is officially entitled: "In the matter of relations of common carriers, subject to the act to regulate commerce, to the ownership and operation of elevators, and the buying, selling, and forwarding of grain."

Want All Information.

The letter says:

"In the judgment of the commission the investigation involves and requires securing immediately the following items of information from carriers engaged in the transportation of grain: (1) The names and addresses of all grain elevator companies, and your company is requested and directed to file with the commission specific statements embodying such information. These will be practicable of dispatch not later than August 15, 1906." Among the data requested are the following:

"The name and location of each and every grain elevator upon or along any line of your company; the capacity thereof; and which of such elevators, if any, are used solely for grain owned and loaded and shipped by the operator thereof.

"The name and postoffice address of each person, firm, company, or corporation operating every such elevator; and, whether the same is operated by the actual owner thereof, or under lease.

"Which, if any, of the elevators referred to above, are located upon the right of way or land of your company, the terms and conditions upon which the use of such right of way or land is allowed, and whether the like privilege is open to all persons desiring to build and use an elevator along your line.

"Describe Relations in Full."

"What, if any, interest through stock ownership or otherwise your company has in any elevator. Describe fully all of the relations of your company with each and every elevator along its line, including any and all allowances which may be made to any elevator or the operator thereof by your company. Also state specifically which, if any, operator of any elevator in which your company has an interest or to which it makes an allowance in money or otherwise for the elevation or transfer of grain over your company's line. File with your statement copies of all leases, contracts, or other agreements between your company and owners or operators of elevators.

"The names and postoffice addresses of the ten largest shippers of grain over your company's line since June 30, 1905; and what, if any, interest such shippers have had in any elevator operated along your company's line.

"The extent, if any, to which your company, or any officer, director, or employee thereof has been since June 30, 1905, engaged in the buying or selling of grain, either directly or indirectly."

INSANE MAN ASSAULTS SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL

POTTSTOWN, Pa., July 13.—Charged with having carried Irma Weldner, six years old, into the woods near this city and brutally maltreated her, Ammond Richards was treated today, and before the public became aroused he was taken to a local hospital for treatment for mental disorders.

He raved and cursed like a madman, and nothing could quiet him until the wife of the Rev. H. R. McDr. e, a Methodist preacher, entered his cell and sang in sweet tones a German hymn. Richards became quiet, joined in the singing, and has made no demonstration since.

"Ah, dearest," sighed young Brooksleigh. "I cannot live without you."

"Why not?" queried the girl with the obese bank account. "Did you lose your job?"—Chicago Daily News.

LOVE OF WHAT?

When a girl of two and twenty Weds a fellow rich and old, It is love that prompts her action— Never mind what you've been told— But it's true that more than likely It is only love of gold.

CHINATOWN TRAPS FOUND BY POLICE

Unearth Many Secret Doors and Movable Floors.

NEW OUTBREAK FEARED

Whole Street Network of Hidden Passages to Enable Offenders to Make Good Their Escape From Law.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—Intricate arrangements of trap doors, hidden doorways, a maze of floor, and other contrivances to facilitate the commission of crime and the escape of criminals have been brought to light in a house-to-house visitation of Chinatown by policemen and inspectors from the bureau of health.

At the same time the police came upon tangible evidence of preparations by the gangs to renew hostilities among themselves in the discovery of a large quantity of arms and ammunition smuggled into Chinatown, since the last search instituted by the police, immediately following the shooting of the Rev. Frederic Poole and several Chinamen on the night of July 4.

Innumerable Secret Doorways.

The discovery of the trap doors and other contrivances suggestive of sensational crime, was made in the course of a thorough investigation made by the health inspectors for the purposes of discovering unsanitary conditions. Previous visits by the building inspectors and police had made it well known that the floor of almost all the big gloomy buildings on Race street had been cut into almost innumerable trap doors, but the number of secret doorways disclosed was a surprise.

"We cut off doors through the walls had been so cleverly concealed that in most cases it defied detection. Numerous fake floors were found admirably designed to include a person unfamiliar with the room and to possibly prevent its escape from enemies."

Movable Floor Discovered.

The movable floor discovered was raised a sufficient height over the other floor to permit a large number of Chinamen to conceal themselves in the space between the two. The movable floor worked on rollers, and when it was in place fitted against the walls of the room so tightly that its existence would never be suspected by a person not in the secret.

Another thing discovered by the investigators was the existence of numerous passageways connecting the cellars of different houses. One series gave a clear passageway half the length of the block on the north side of Race street.

The arms and ammunition discovered were found, according to the police, chiefly in rooms occupied by members of the Hip Sing Tong, who, in the recent troubles, had been the most zealous of peace and amity among the various factions in Chinatown.

GARFIELD VILLAGE MAKING PROGRESS

Citizens' Association Reviews Work of Past Year, Reports Improvements, and Increases Membership.

A large audience attended the public meeting of the Garfield Citizens' Association Wednesday night, the event being the closing up and a general review of the work of the association for the past year.

The chairman of the schools reported that through the efforts of the committee the former Board of Education had included in their last estimate to Congress an item of \$30,000 for a new school building for Garfield, but that in order to make provision for a section of the District having no school building the item was left out of the estimate of the Board of Education.

The committee had assurances, however, that the amount named would be included in the coming estimate of the Board of Education. The committee also reported regarding the efforts which have been made during the past year to have kindergarten established in connection with the Garfield School. The committee on streets and lights reported on the efforts to have Angier avenue graded. This street is the principal thoroughfare of the village and it is in very poor condition. They have succeeded in having the street graded and the improvement of the village and it is in very poor condition. They have succeeded in having the street graded and the improvement of the village and it is in very poor condition.

The committee on postal service made a report on the needs of the community for additional delivery of mail, the present service being confined to one daily delivery. The committee on law and order reported that a patrolman had been assigned, through their efforts, to duty between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 8 o'clock a. m., and that efforts were now being made to have a "turn-in" box located at the intersection of Angier and Bruce avenues.

The secretary reported that the Commissioners, at the request of the committee, had ordered the installation of Heights and installed a new pump. Reports were received from other committees of the association including that of the committee on railroads.</